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- 1. IF US-TURKISH RELATIONSHIPS PERMIT JUSMMAT CHIEF POSITION TO CONTINUE TO EXIST HERE, IT WILL REMAIN ONE OF THE MOST CRITICALLY IMPORTANT OF THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TEAM. BEFORE CONCURRING IN PROPOSED APPOINTMENT, THEREFORE, I NEED SOMETHING MORE BY WAY OF BACKGROUND THAN BARE BONES LISTING OF ASSIGNMENTS AND PROMOTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL.
- 2. IS NOMINEE A SOPHISTICATED OFFICER WHO NOT ONLY TECHNICALLY KNOWS THE JUSMMAT JOB, BUT ALSO HAS A RECORD OF SUCCESSFUL AND SENSITIVE DEALINGS WITH FOREIGN NATIONALS? IS HE A TEAM PLAYER? THIS JOB CANNOT HAVE A FREEWHEELER OR A BULL-IN-THE-CHINA SHOP, AND BEFORE CONCURRING IN HIS APPOINTMENT I WILL WISH TO HAVE ASSURANCES THAT NOMINEE HAS NO RPT NO TRAITS OF EITHER.
- 3. I HAVE KNOWN MANY GENERAL OFFICERS WHO HAVE THE QUALIFICATIONS TO DO THE JOB OUT HERE, AND I HAVE KNOWN A FEW WHO DO NOT, AND I WANT TO BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT THE PROPOSED NOMINEE IS IN THE FORMER CATEGORY. ANY-THING THE DEPARTMENT CAN GET ME BY WAY OF ADDED BACKGROUND BEARING ON THESE FACTORS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. UNFORTUNATELY, GENERAL GALLOWAY CURRENT JUSMMAT CHIEF, IS OUT
OF THE COUNTRY SO I HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO TALK WITH HIM.
GENERAL BARTLEY, DEPARTING CHIEF OF THE JUSMMAT ARMY SECTION,
RECOMMENDS GENERAL JONES VERY HIGHLY.
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